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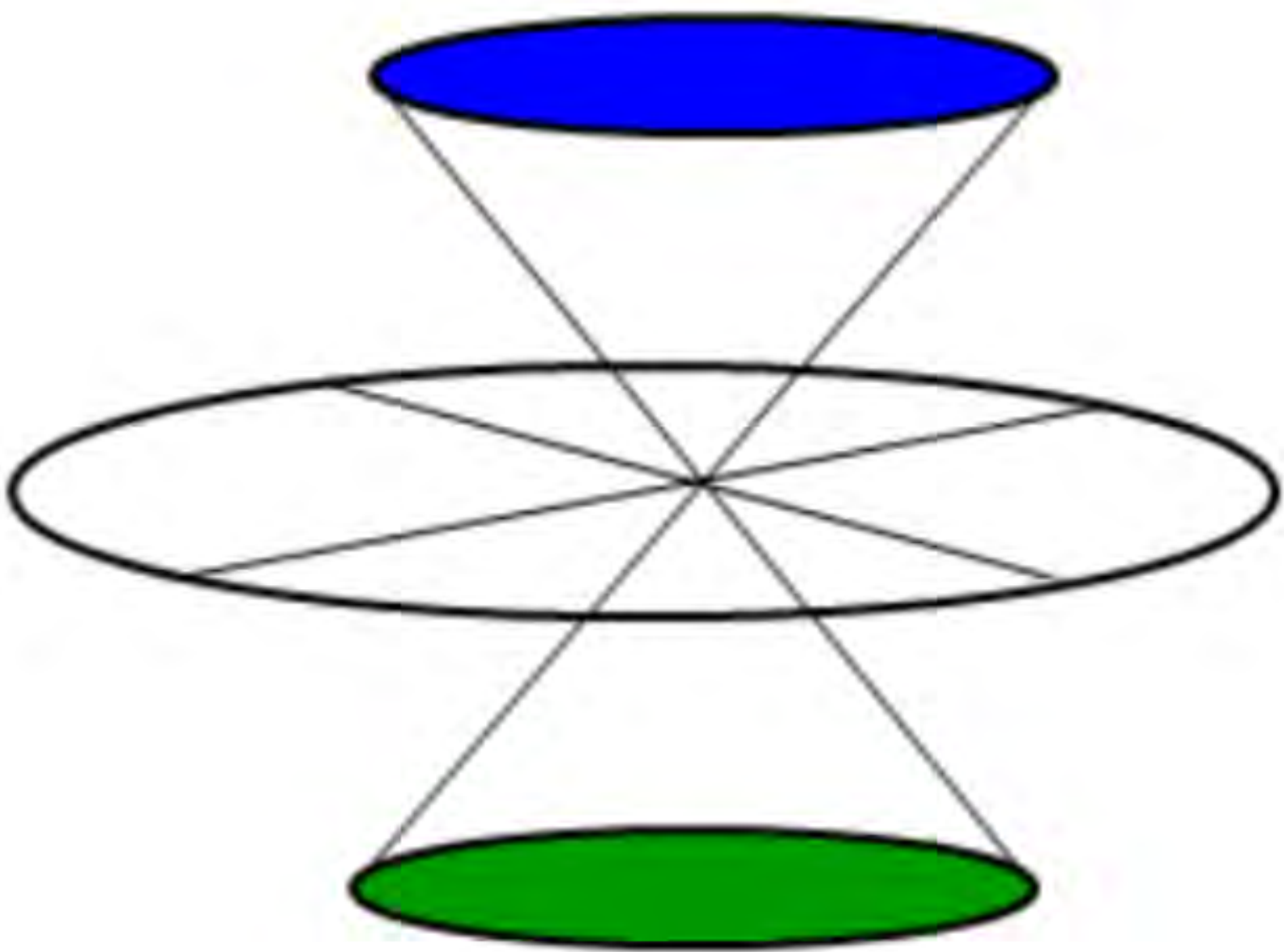
Mitakuyepi Relatives



We are all related through
the Spirit of life

Keya Wita



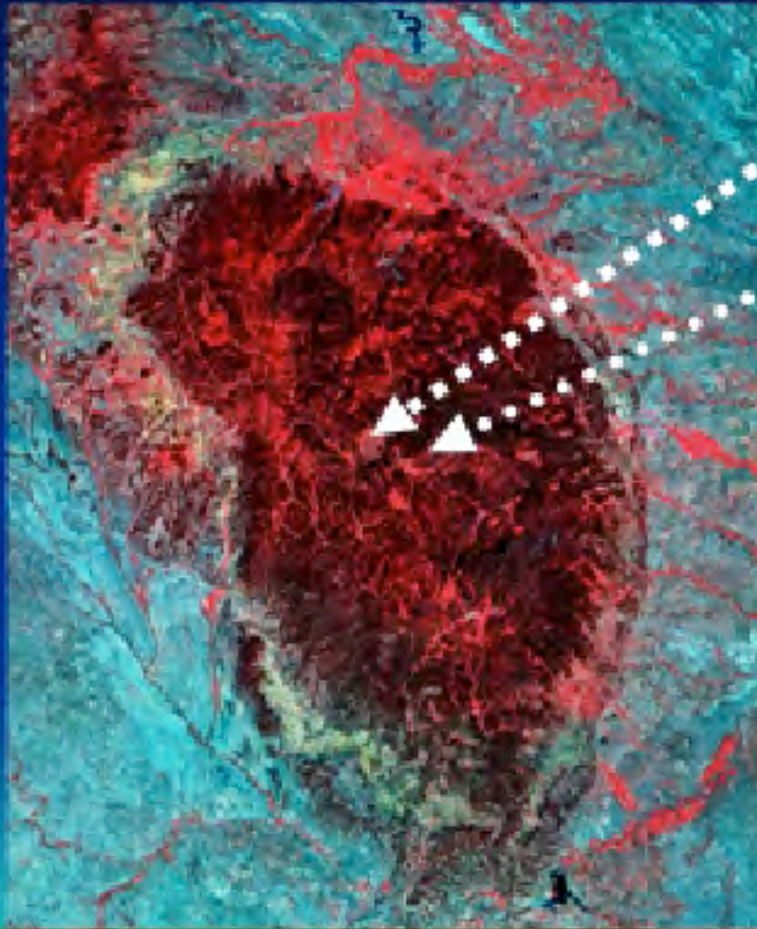




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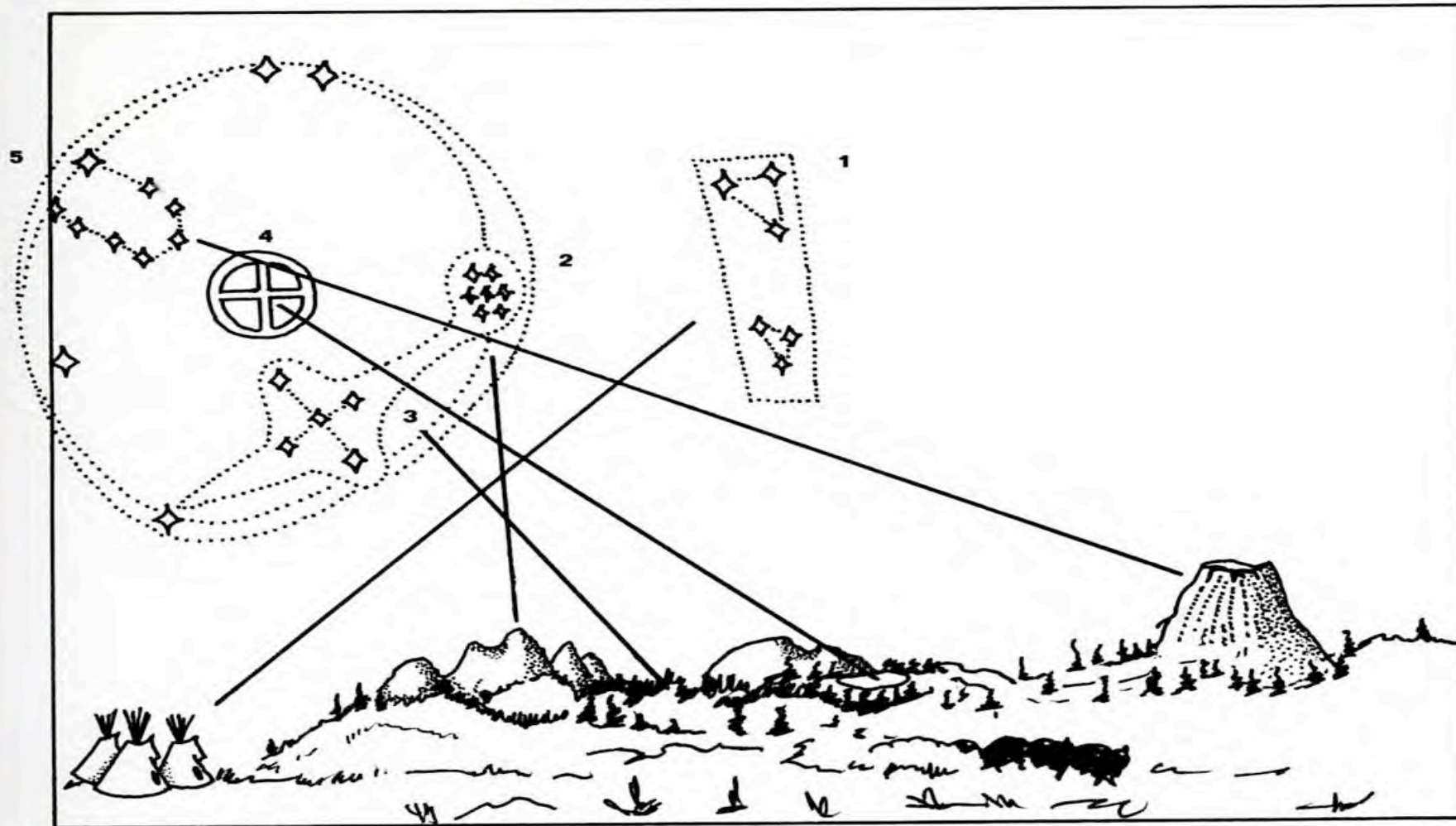
Makasitomni

He Sapa: The Heart of Everything That is



- Pesla can be seen as a bald area
- Tayamni can be seen just below Pesla
- He Sapa is called the Black Hills because a grove or a forest stand is called black
- He Sapa sits on a red rim and this rim is called a red race track
- He Sapa is heart shaped

View of the Black Hills 700 Miles above the Earth
Courtesy of the USGS (LandSat 7)



1. Winter Camps

2. Harney Peak

3. Tayamni

4. Pe Sla

5. Devil's Tower

Lakota constellations on the ecliptic correlated by sacred stories to distinctive land forms in the Black Hills:

- 1) Čaṇsaša Ip̄usye--the winter camps;
- 2) Wiciṇčala Šakowin--Harney Peak;
- 3) Tayamni (the group)--An Animal
- 4) Center of Ki Inyaṇka Očaṇku--Pe Šla (a bare hill in the Black Hills);
- 5) Mato Tipila--Devil's Tower.





The
Home
of
our
Heart...



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Wanagi Tachanku



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Mary Louise Defender Wilson and her husband William Dean



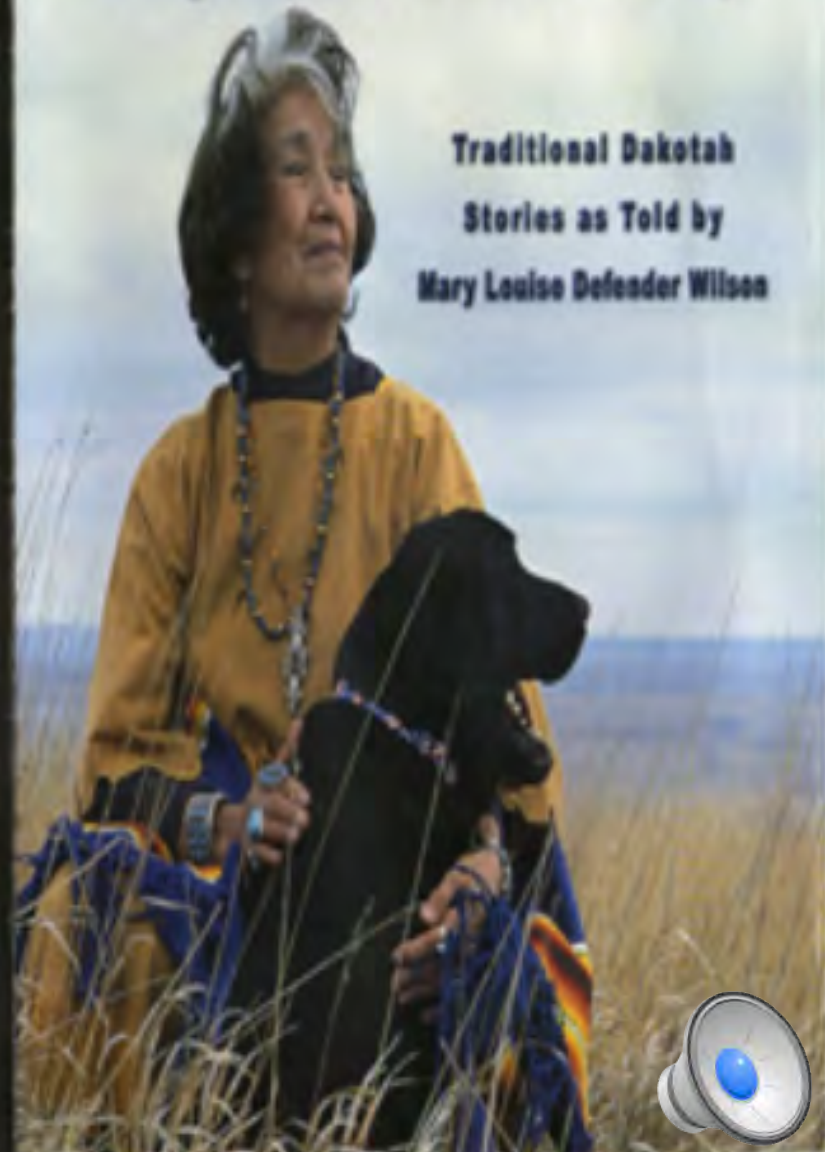
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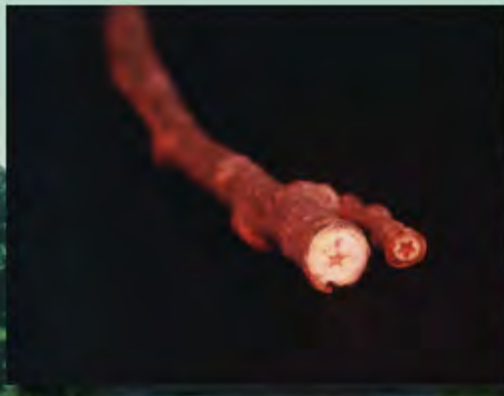
**Traditional Dakota
Stories as Told by
Mary Louise Defender Wilson**



The Star in the Cottonwood Tree

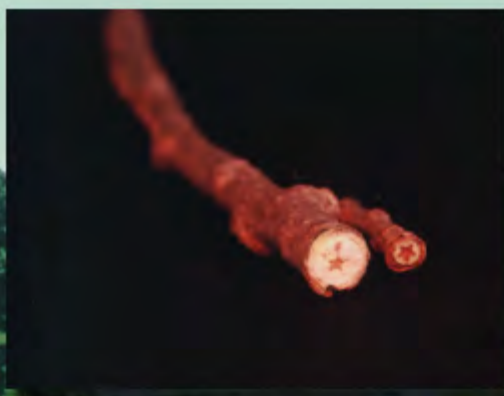


Cottonwood trees along the Cannonball River in southwestern North Dakota
Photo by Harold Umber, ND Game and Fish Dept.



In this narrative, a star from the heavens, longing for the beautiful sound of people laughing and being kind to one another, hid in a cottonwood tree so as not to disturb the people. The star, *Wicaŋhpi* in Dakota, can still be found in the cottonwood tree, *Wagaćan*, when a branch is cut in the right place. The cottonwood tree is a very special tree that is used as the central pole in the Sun Dance, one of the major religious

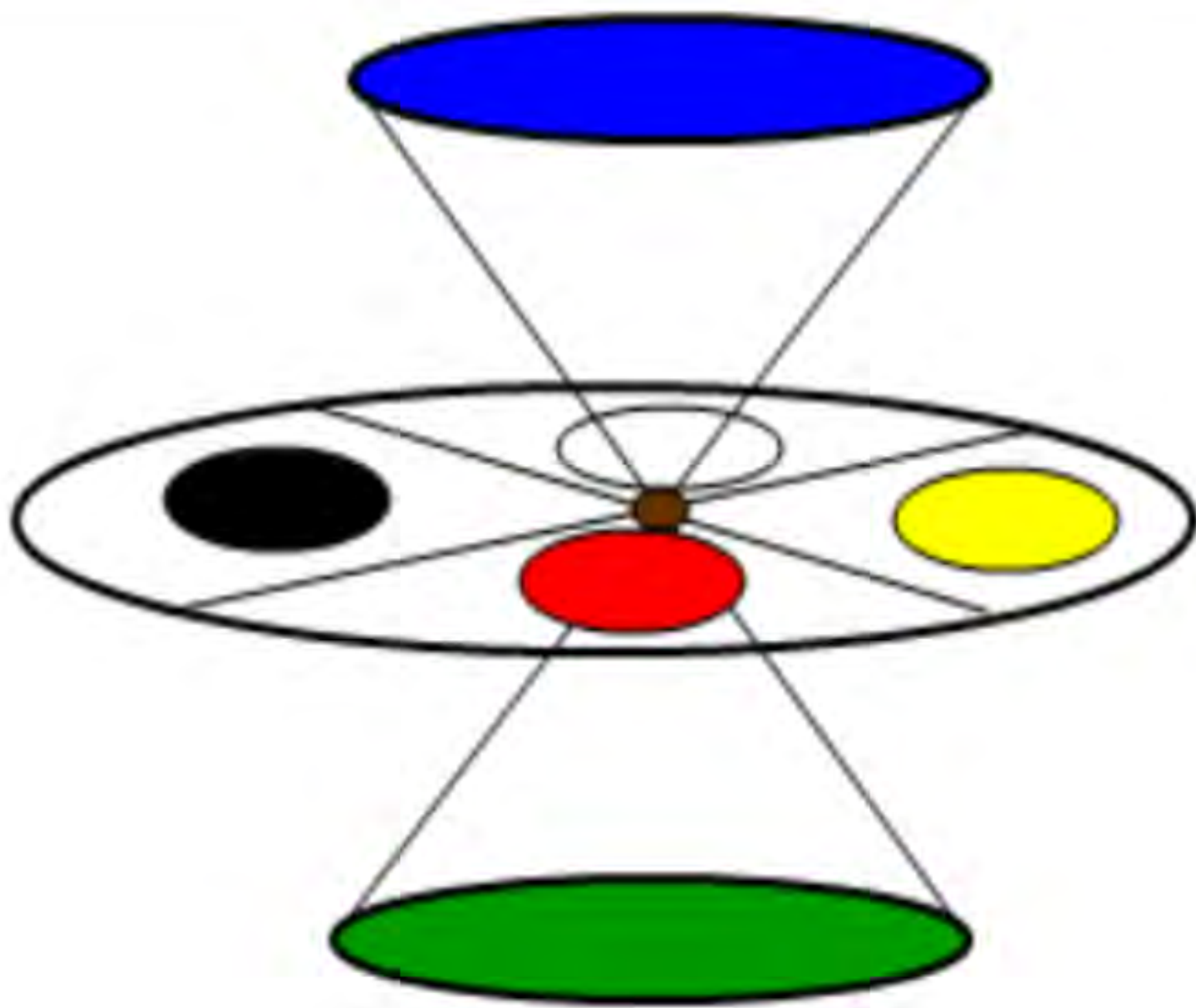




ceremonies of Plains Indians. As part of that ceremony a prayer is said to go out to the universe, perhaps, Mary Louise ponders, "because the star is in it."

*Photo by Troyd Geist
ND Council on the Arts*

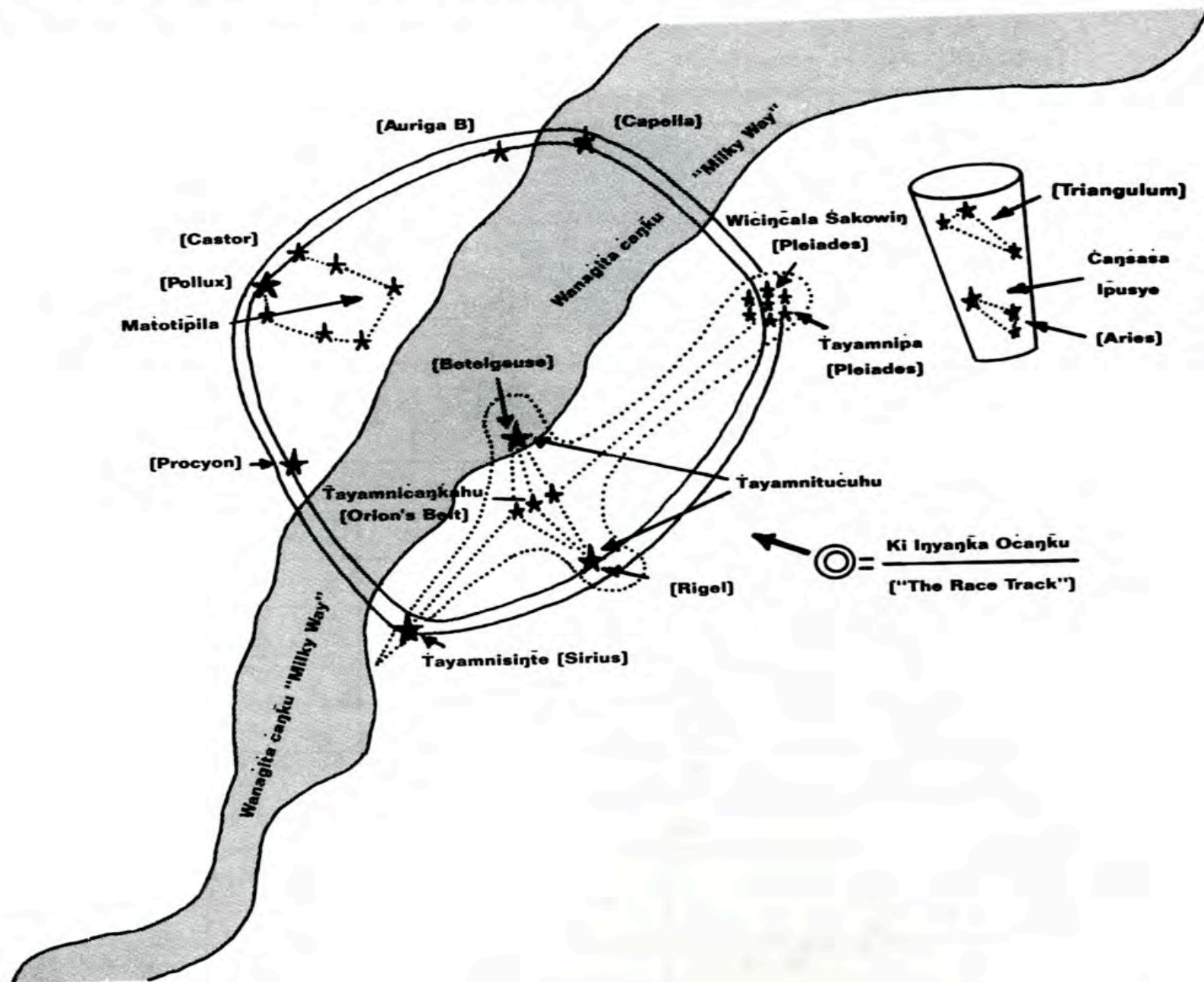




A vertical strip of a night sky, showing a dense field of stars and a faint nebula. The stars are of varying brightness, with some appearing as sharp points of light and others as soft, out-of-focus circles. The nebula is a diffuse, glowing cloud of gas and dust, visible as a lighter, hazy area against the darker background of the sky. The overall color palette is dominated by deep blues and blacks, with the stars providing bright white and yellow highlights.

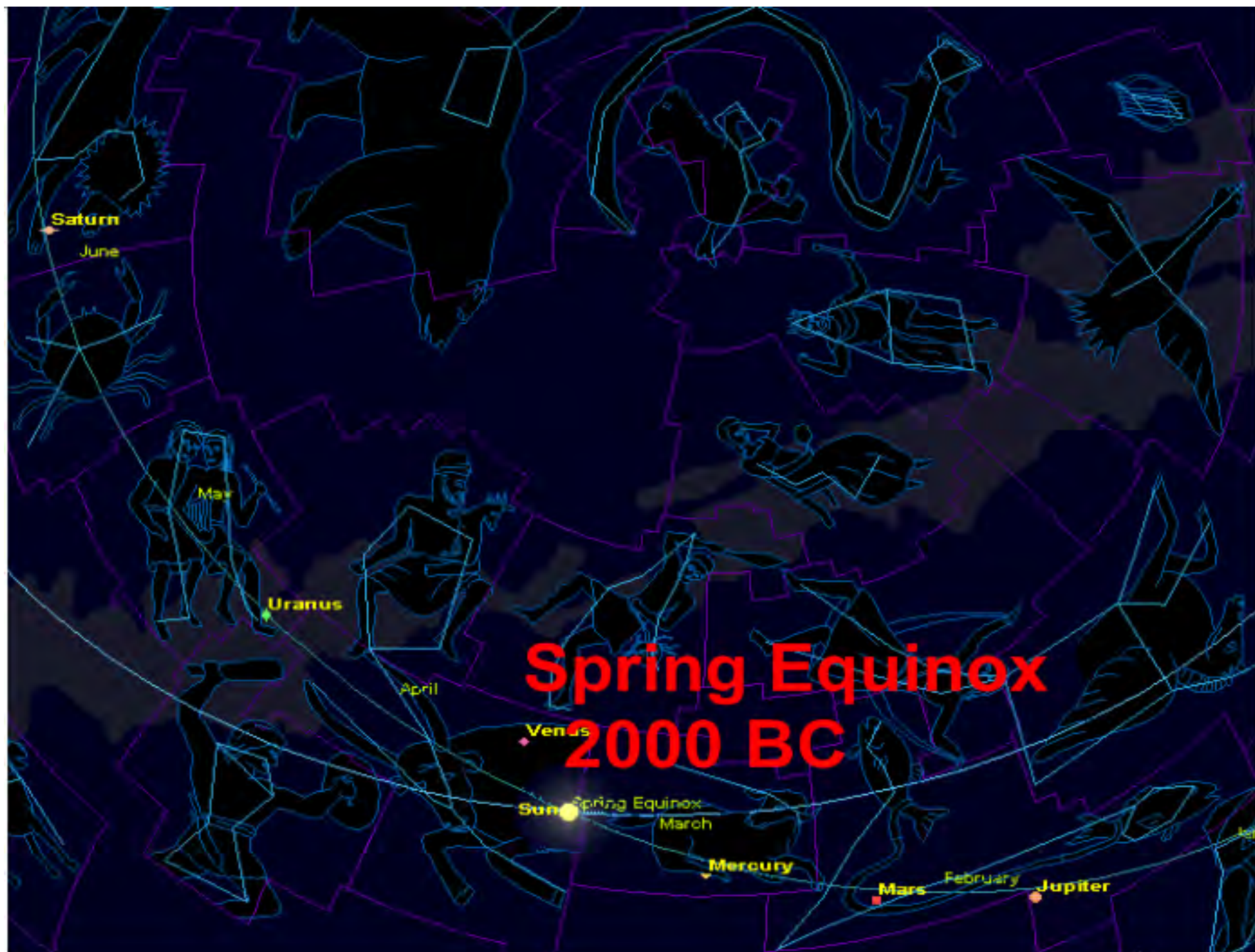


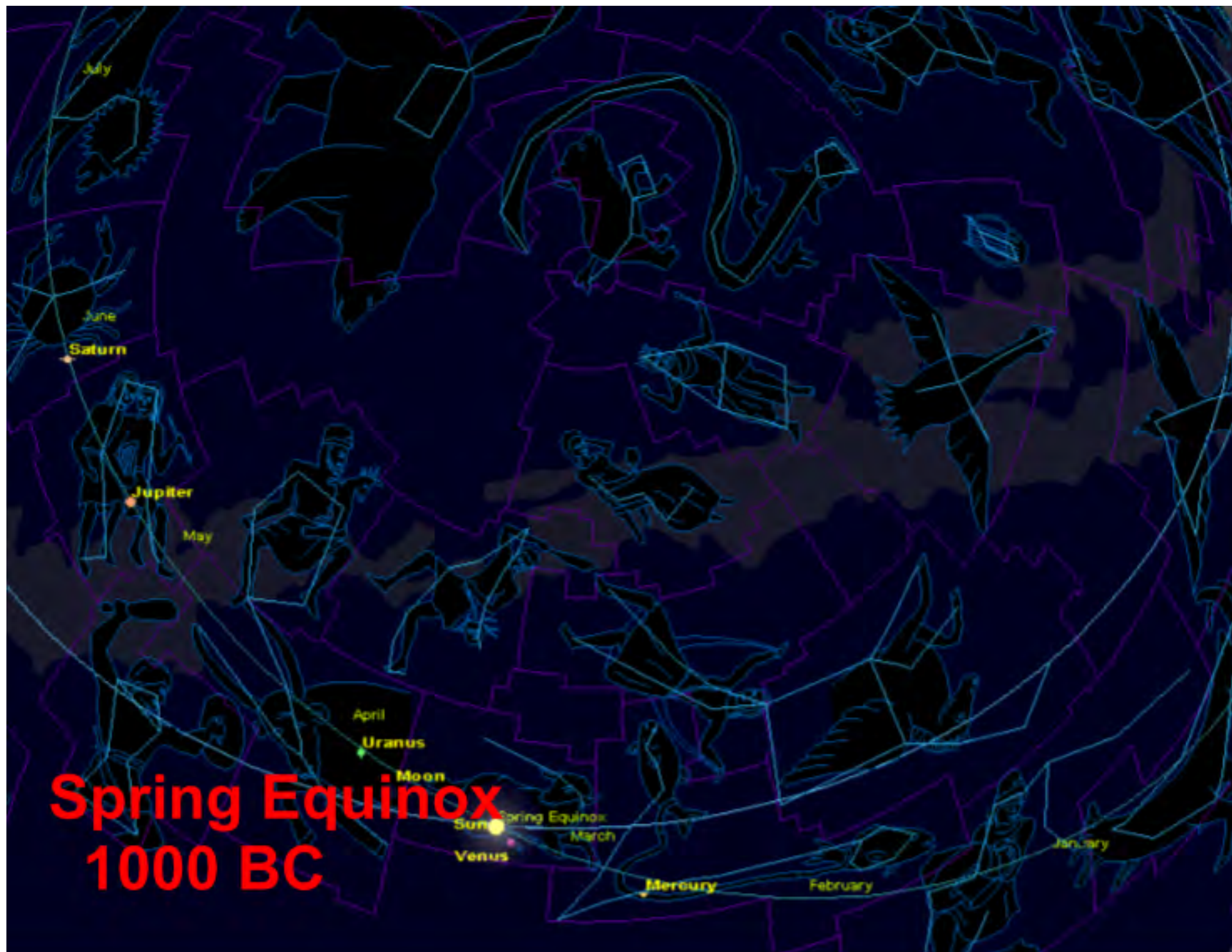
Figure 2 identifies the same constellations; as a reference point the Greek nomenclature is provided.

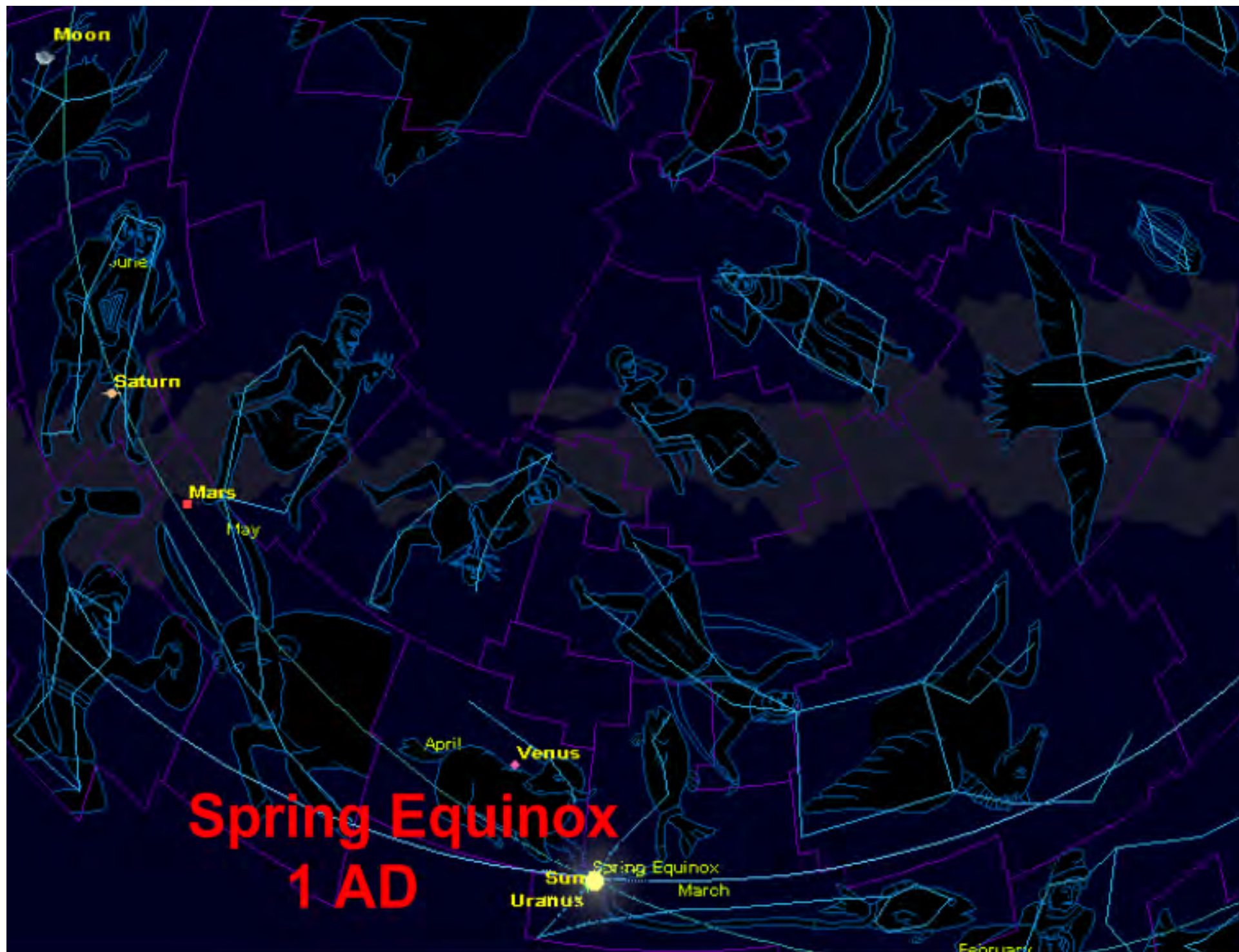


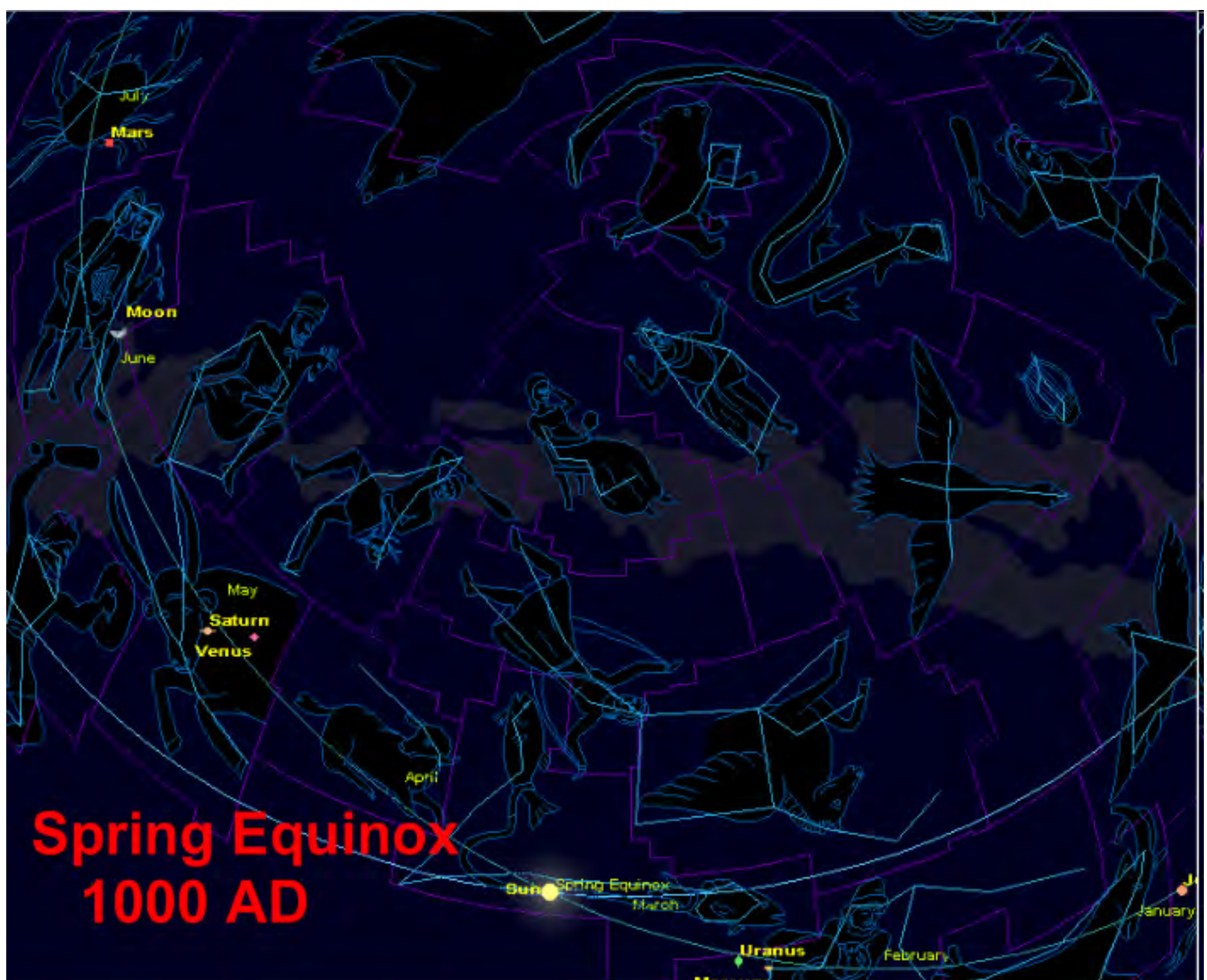
Some Lakota constellations on the ecliptic (from west to east):

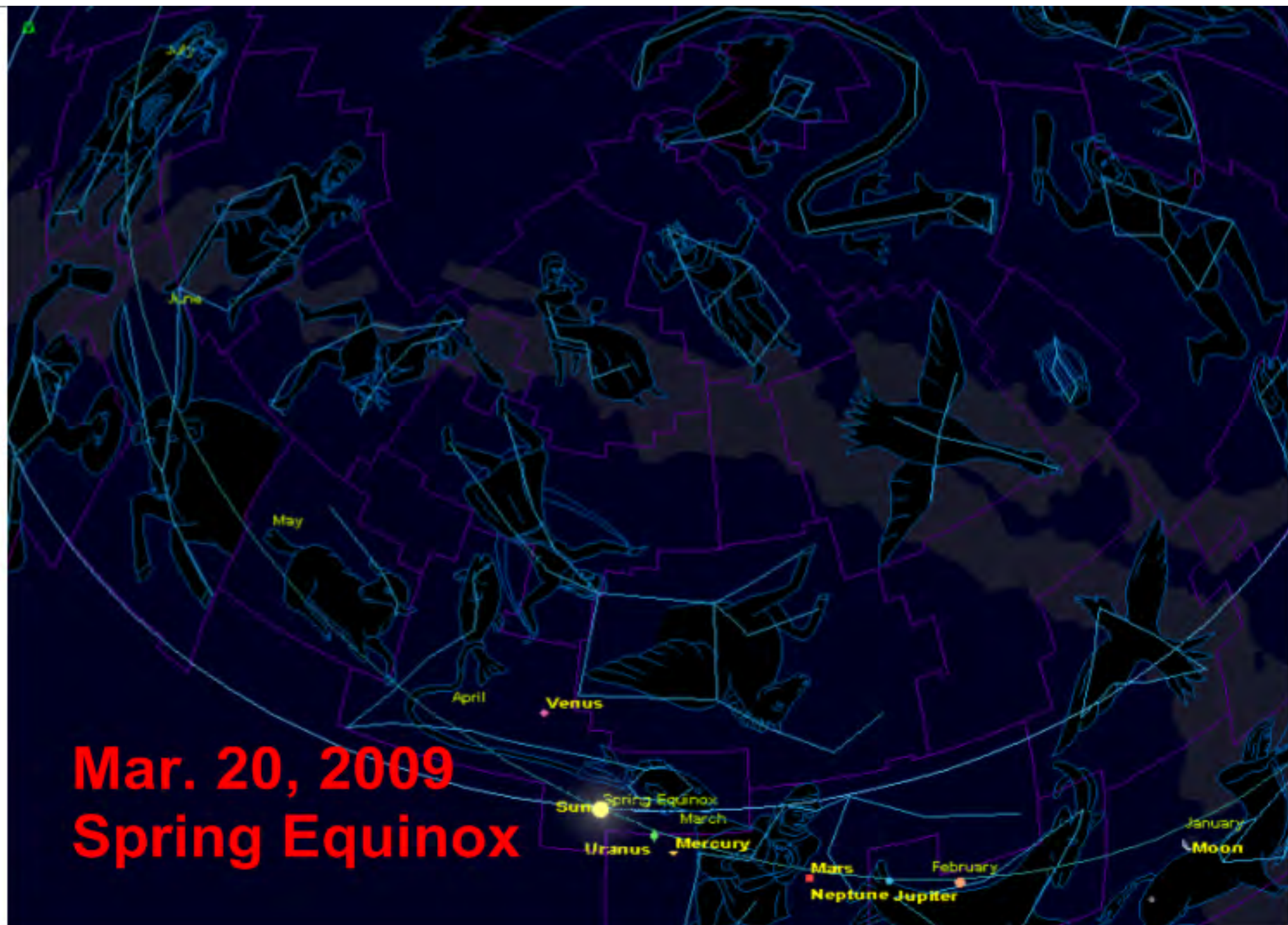
- 1) Čaŋsasa Ipuseye - Dried Willow;











Wobble of the Earth



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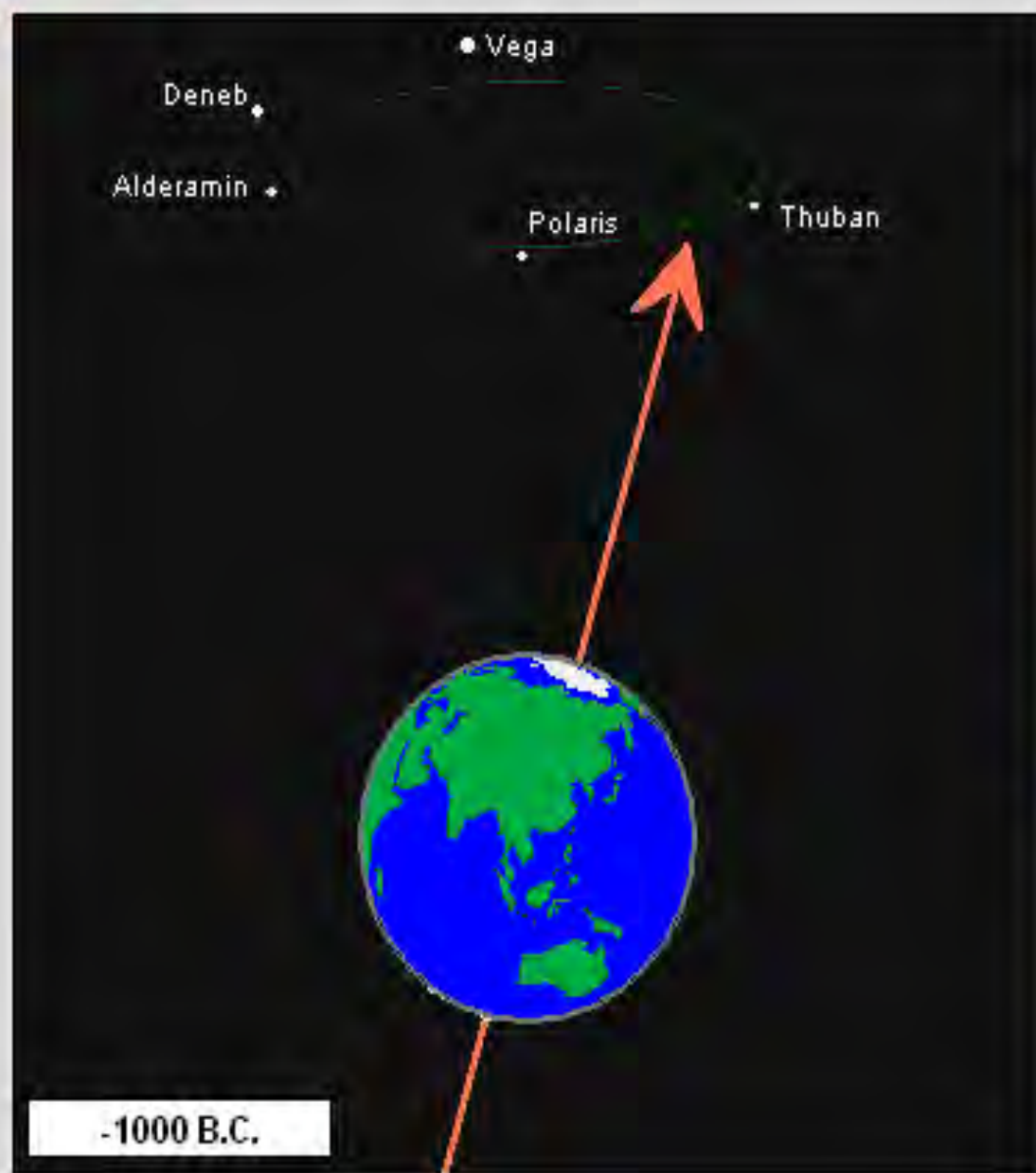


This sky chart is centered on the North Celestial Pole. As the centuries pass, the direction of Earth's axis changes and different stars are seen near the pole. When this happens, we temporarily have a new "North Star".

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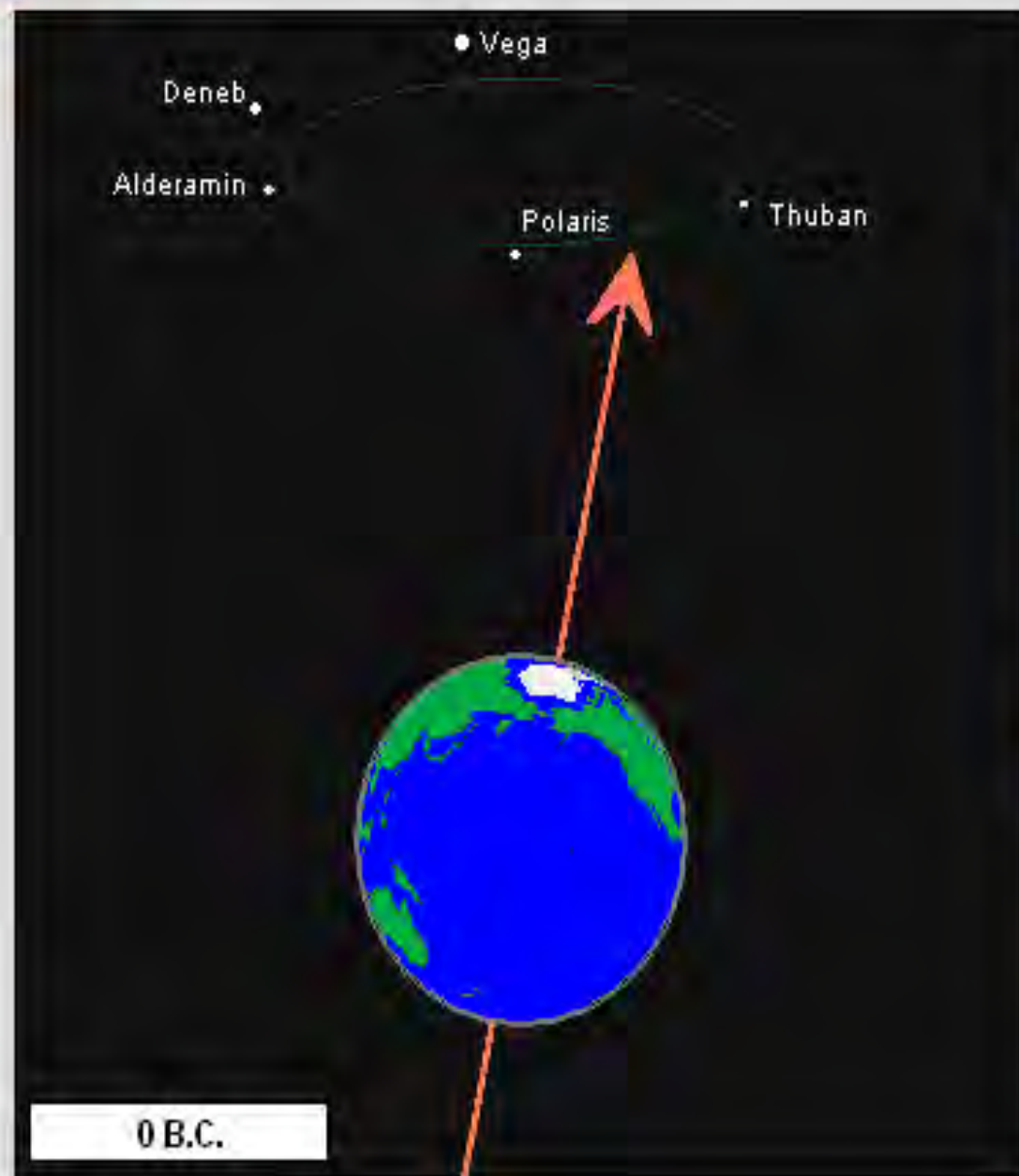


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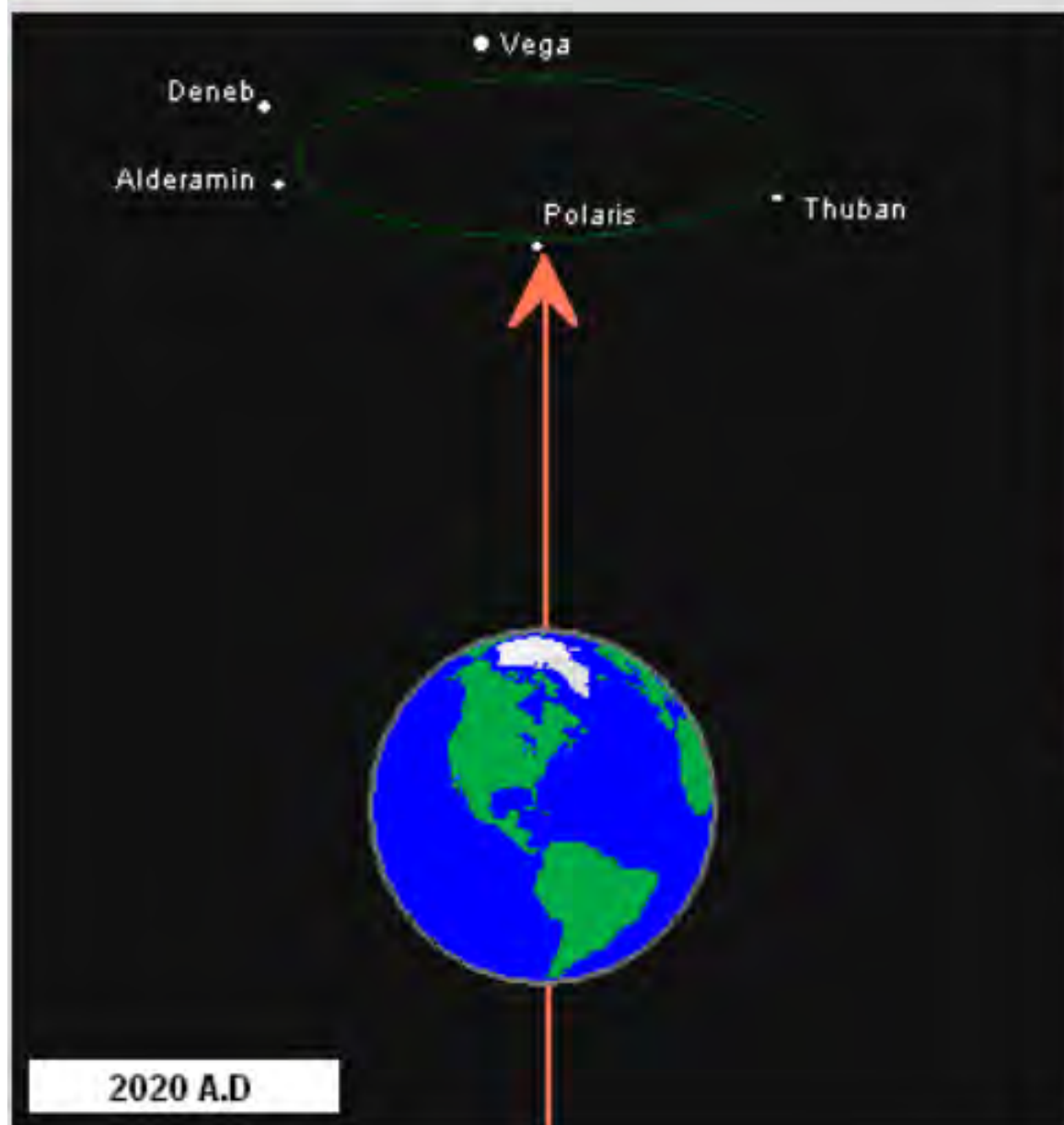


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STAR BOY

PAUL GOBLE



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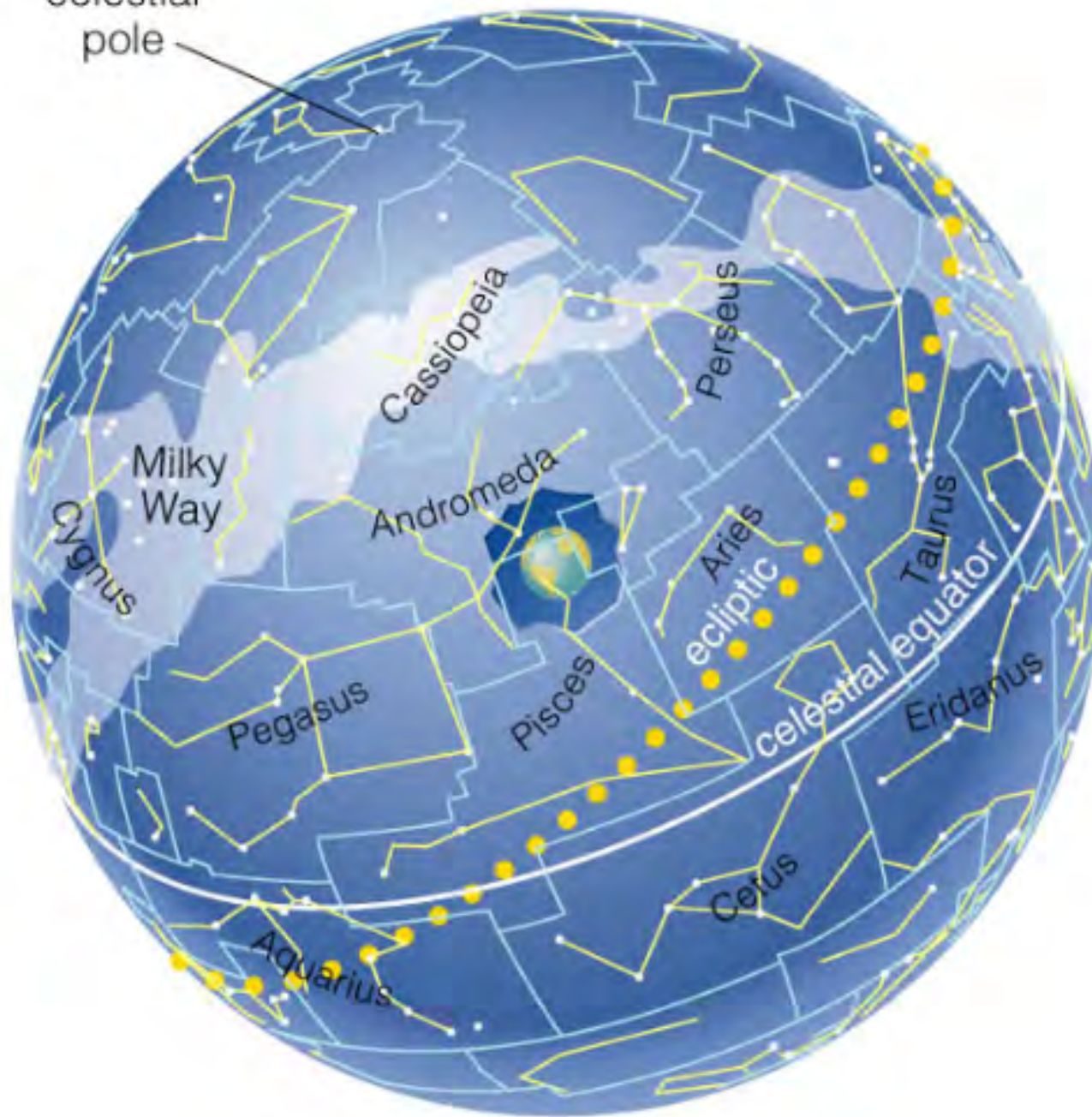
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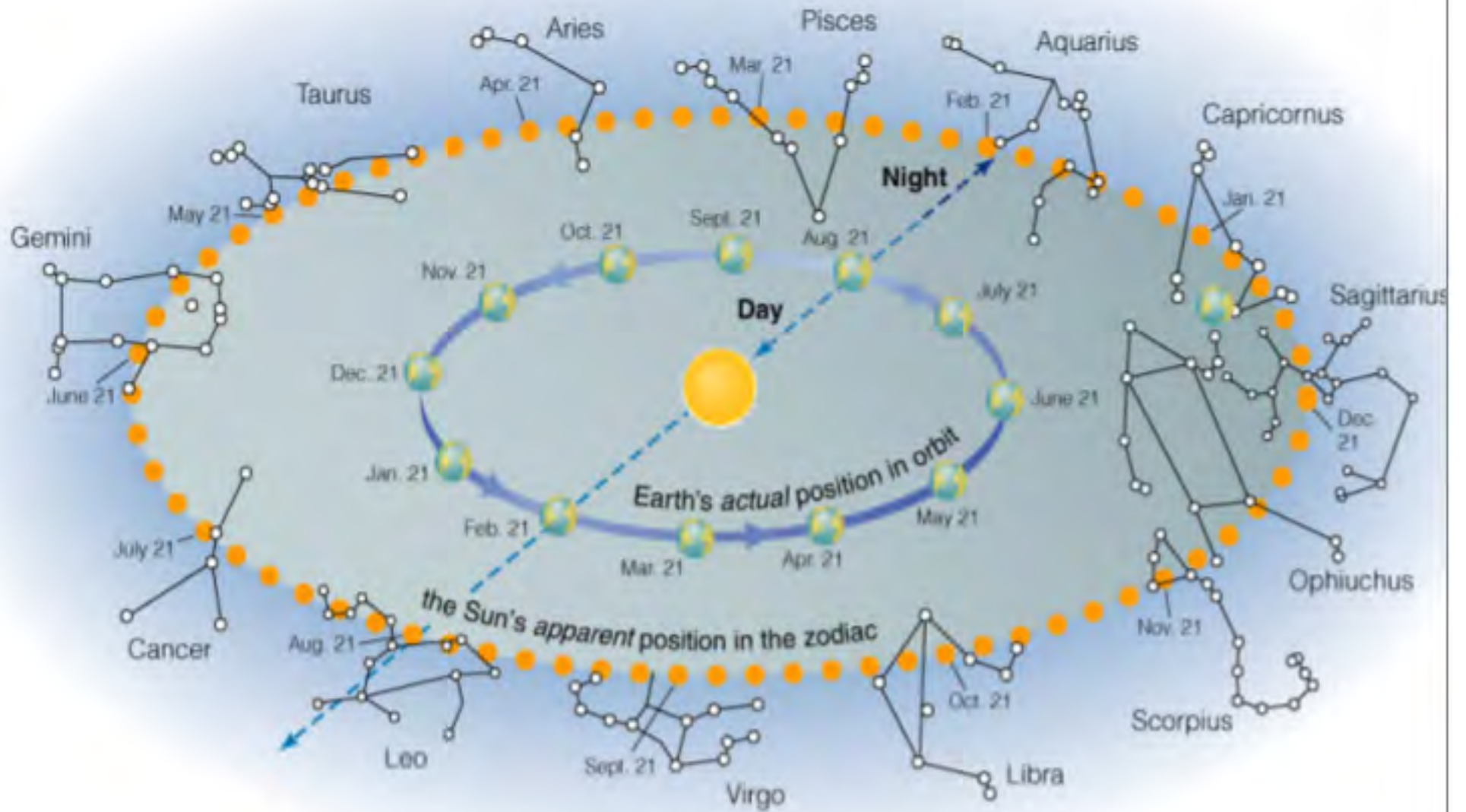
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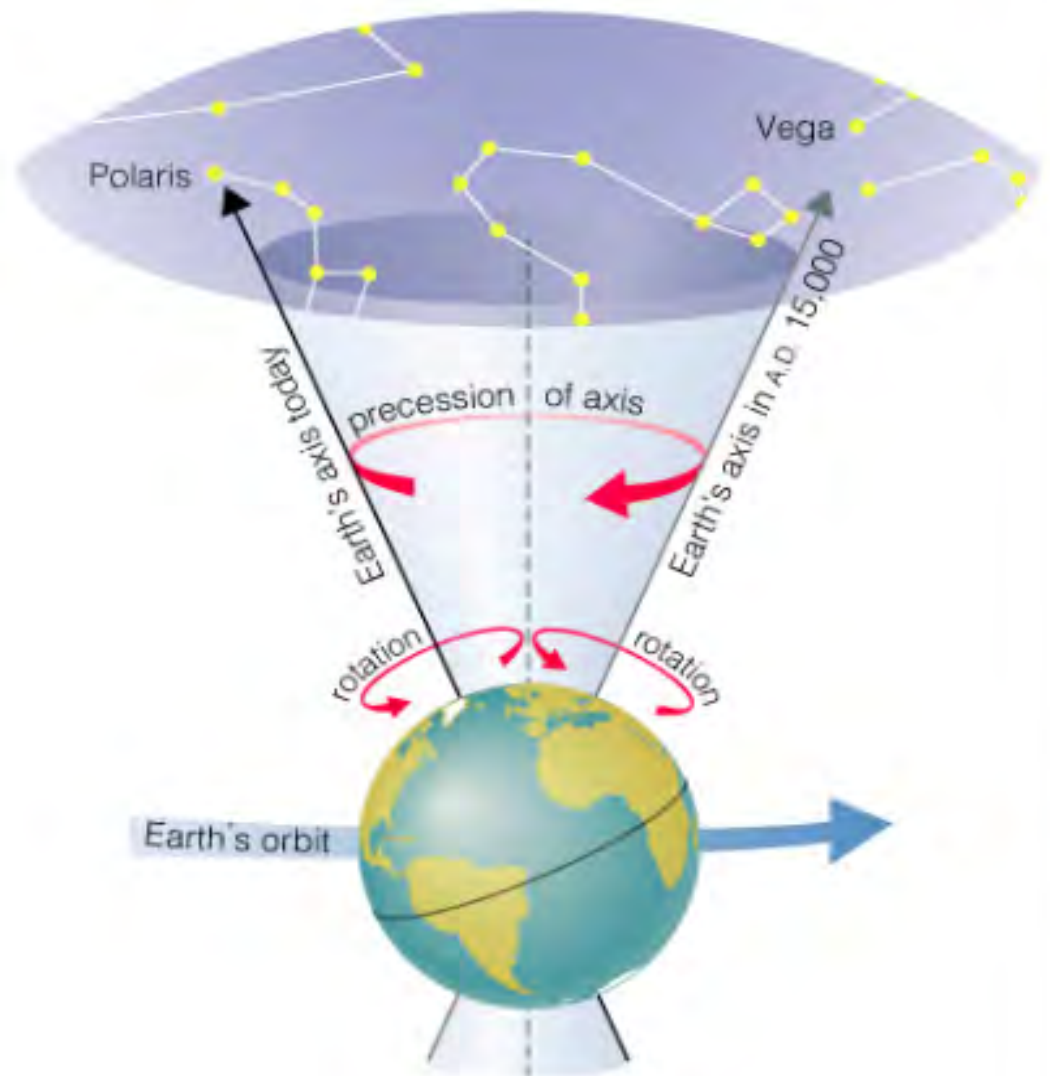
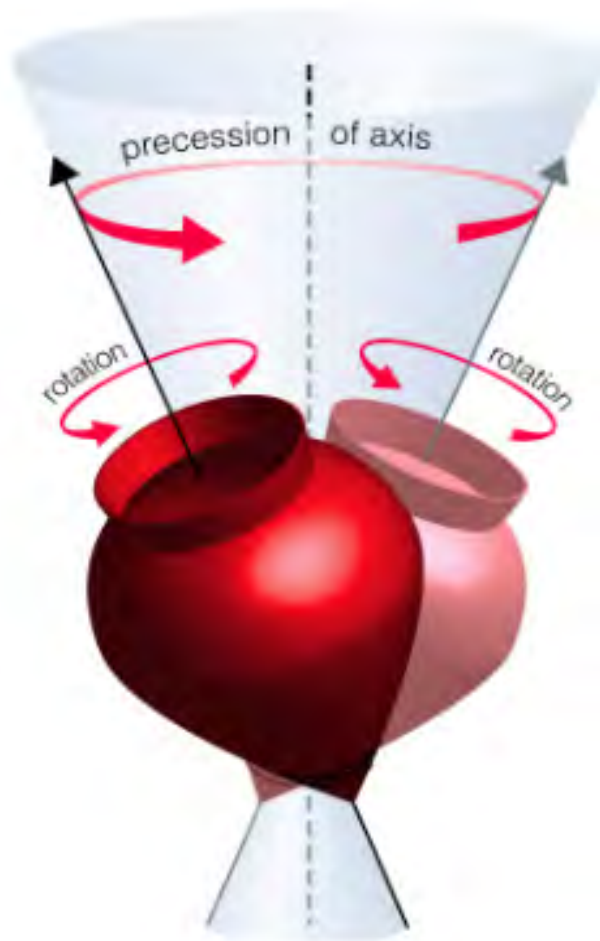
Introduction by Michael Dorris and Louise Erdrich



north
celestial
pole









If the earth were only a few feet in diameter, floating a few feet above a field somewhere, people would come from everywhere to marvel at it. People would walk around it, marveling at its big pools of water, its little pools and the water flowing between the pools. People would marvel at the bumps on it, and the holes in it, and they would marvel at the very thin layer of gas surrounding it and the water suspended in the gas. The people would declare it all the creatures walking around the surface of the ball, and at the creatures in the water. The ball would be the precious because it was the only one, and they would protect it so that it would not be hurt. The people would come to greatest wonder how it could be. People behold it, to be healed, to gain knowledge, to know beauty and to wonder how it could be. People would love it, and defend it with their lives, because they would somehow know that their lives, their own roundness, could be nothing without it. If the Earth were only a few feet in diameter.